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To: ACT listservs
Subject: WI Statewide ACT Assessments Update - Nov. 1

Dear educators,

Please see below for updates about statewide ACT and WorkKeys testing for grade 11 students.

Update Your Bookmarks

ACT has updated the website for statewide testing in Wisconsin:

www.act.org/stateanddistrict/wisconsin

DPI is in the progress of updating the links on DPI's ACT pages: <https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/act>

Please bookmark both of these pages.

Schedule of Events is Available

The [2018-19 Schedule of Events for ACT and WorkKeys](#) is now available. Please add these dates to your calendar and share the schedule with relevant team members.

Register for the Wisconsin ACT and WorkKeys Accommodations Training Webinar

On November 8 at 10am, join the Wisconsin ACT training webinar to learn about administering the statewide ACT with accommodations and English Learner supports - [follow this link to register](#). This Q&A session will provide training related to the Test Accessibility and Accommodations System (TAA), requesting accommodations/supports, and administering accommodations and English Learner supports. Please share the link with all school staff who are involved with accommodations testing. The webinar will be recorded and posted to the DPI and ACT webpages.

PearsonAccessNext and TAA Open on November 5

- The 2019 version of PearsonAccessNext will be available on November 5. Starting on this date, DACs can log into the system and update school test coordinator contact information.
- From November 5 through the end of the month, school test coordinators will be able to log into PAnext and "manage participation" for their schools. "Managing participation" involves selecting testing dates and materials shipment dates for ACT and WorkKeys and is a required step. ACT will send an email with instructions on how to access the portal.
- On November 5, the Test Accessibility and Accommodations (TAA) system will be open for state testing. Starting on this date, school staff can submit requests for students' accommodations and accessibility supports for the 2019 state testing window. Please submit requests as early as possible so that there is time for resubmitting if needed.

How to order *Preparing for the ACT* booklets (free resource)

- [Preparing for the ACT](#) is a free booklet for students that is available in PDF or in hard copy. It is also [available in Spanish](#). It includes a full-length practice test, test-taking strategies, and information about what the test and test day are like. Schools can order this booklet for their students free of charge through the [ACT Support Materials ordering system](#).

What is the difference between graduating class and statewide ACT testing data?

ACT produces profile reports for Wisconsin schools and districts using two different data sets. DPI includes data for both of these data sets in WISEdash.

- ACT Graduating Class data includes the most recent ACT score for each 2018 high school graduate. ACT released national results for ACT graduates data in a press release on October 17, 2018. Schools and districts received Profile Reports from ACT for the 2018 graduating class in October. These data are currently found in WISEdash for Districts.
- ACT Statewide Testing data includes only the test score for each student who took the test as a grade 11 student during the statewide administration in February/March 2018. These are the data that are used for accountability and to create report cards. ACT sent state testing profile reports to schools and districts in June. Statewide testing data is currently found in WISEdash public and WISEdash for Districts under the WSAS dropdown menu.

Thank you for your contributions to a successful testing experience for all students. For assistance, please contact:

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Wisconsin high school principals, district assessment coordinators, and ACT test coordinators received this email.